

1-1 By: Nelson S.B. No. 425  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 7, 2013; February 13, 2013,  
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Health and Human  
 1-4 Services; February 26, 2013, reported favorably by the following  
 1-5 vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; February 26, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Nelson	X			
1-8 Deuell	X			
1-9 Huffman	X			
1-10 Nichols	X			
1-11 Schwertner	X			
1-12 Taylor	X			
1-13 Uresti	X			
1-14 West	X			
1-15 Zaffirini	X			

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to foster care placement decisions made by the Department  
 1-20 of Family and Protective Services.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Subsection (e), Section 264.107, Family Code, is  
 1-23 amended to read as follows:

1-24 (e) In making placement decisions, the department shall:

1-25 (1) except when making an emergency placement that  
 1-26 does not allow time for the required consultations, consult with  
 1-27 the child's caseworker, [and the child's] attorney ad litem, and  
 1-28 guardian ad litem and with any [ , or ] court-appointed volunteer  
 1-29 advocate for the child [when possible]; and

1-30 (2) use clinical protocols to match a child to the most  
 1-31 appropriate placement resource.

1-32 SECTION 2. Subsection (e), Section 264.107, Family Code, as  
 1-33 amended by this Act, applies only to a foster care placement  
 1-34 decision made by the Department of Family and Protective Services  
 1-35 on or after the effective date of this Act.

1-36 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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